DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice ...	7·3	5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi ...	20·6	10½ to 11	

Agricultural operations.—Ragi thrashing.

Outturn of harvest.—Ragi, yield 4 annas.

Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Markets generally well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—It is reported that fields are being manured in some places in the Channapatna Taluk. Ragi is being thrashed in the Devanhalli Taluk.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane is in moderate condition in the Nelamangala, Kankanhalli and Devanhalli Taluks and is withering for want of water in some parts of the Magadi and Anekal Taluks; kadale is also withering for want of moisture in the ground; and potato is in moderate condition in the Devanhalli Taluk.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane is being sown in some places in the Nelamangala Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks.

Harvest and outturn.—Sugar-cane is being milled in some places in the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Magadi, Dodballapur and Devanhalli Taluks, and its outturn in the Nelamangala Taluk is 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season reported to be generally good. Scarcity is felt in the Hessarghatta Hobli of the Bangalore Taluk and in some villages of the Nelamangala, Dodballapur and Hoskote Taluks. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are very high.

Number of persons employed in tank and well works.—One hundred and twenty-six in the Hoskote Taluk, 256 in the Dodballapur Taluk, 974 in the Nelamangala Taluk, 40 in the Magadi Taluk and 137 in the Devanhalli Taluk. Ninety-one persons in the Dodballapur Taluk and 15 in the Magadi Taluk are in receipt of gratuitous relief. Sufficient work is available for people in the Anekal, Channapatna, Magadi and Kankanhalli Taluks.

11. Except for plague in some places in the Dodballapur and Devanhalli Taluks and small-pox in the towns of Channapatna and Closepet, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. But "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga" in parts of the Kankanhalli, Magadi and Channapatna Taluks and "Dod Roga" and "Neradi Roga" in the Anekal Taluk, are still prevailing. Fodder is available for the present. Well water is being used in some places in the Magadi, Channapatna and Anekal Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* under *kapile* wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crops sown.—Sugar-cane in Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta, Bagepalli, Goribidnur, Srinivaspur and Gudibanda; and Vaisakhi paddy in some places under *kapile* wells in Goribidnur.

Crops harvested.—Horse gram in Bowringpet, Mulbagal and Bagepalli; cholum in Bowringpet; ragi in Kolar, Mulbagal and Gudibanda; turmeric in Goribidnur; and sugar-cane in all the taluks of the district.

Outturn of harvest.—

Horse gram in Bowringpet, Mulbagal and Bagepalli—Yield from 2 to 4 annas.

Cholum in Bowringpet—Yield from 8 to 16 annas.

Ragi in Kolar and Gudibanda—Yield from 2 to 8 annas.

,, Mulbagal—Yield 4 annas.

Sugar-cane throughout the district.—Yield from 4 to 12 annas.

Turmeric in Gudibanda—Yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Prices of food stuffs are high. Large number of District Fund, Municipal and D. P. W. works, now in progress in all parts of the district, is affording sufficient labour to the poor. Gratuitous relief is being given in the affected tracts of the district and Takavi advances are also being granted on a liberal scale.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Malur and Chikballapur Taluks and small-pox in parts of the Mulbagal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Rinderpest is reported to be still prevailing in parts of the Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli Taluks and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. Water and fodder moderately sufficient. Temporary wells have also been sunk in parts of the Goribidnur and Srinivaspur Taluks and in Chikballapur town.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in markets sufficient.

9. *Standing crops.*—Crops under wells and Bengal gram and cholum in the taluks of Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Sira (except the Hulikunte Hobli), Gubbi, Pavagada and Kunigal and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks, are reported to be in moderately good condition. Sugar-cane in the Tumkur Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk is withering and in Kunigal, it has withered away. Bengal gram and cholum in the Tiptur Taluk are in bad condition.

Crops sown.—Paddy and nati ragi under wells in the Sira Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Bengal gram in the Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi, Tiptur and Pavagada Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; wheat in the Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks; cholum in the Gubbi and Tiptur Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; sugar-cane in the Tumkur, Maddagiri and Gubbi Taluks, and horse gram in the Pavagada Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. The general condition of the district remains the same as in the last week. Prices of food grains are also stationary. A large number of works are in progress in all the taluks is affording labour for the poor people. There is large demand for Takavi advances throughout the district. Gratuitous relief is also being given in the affected parts and largely in the Kunigal Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

11. Except for plague, small-pox and cholera in certain villages in the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in all the taluks, except Pavagada and Kunigal and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk and "Chappe Roga" in certain villages of the Honnavalli Hobli of the Tiptur Taluk are still prevailing. Except in the Maddagiri Taluk and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, difficulty for water and fodder is being felt in many parts of the district. Temporary wells are being dug up in several villages to mitigate water scarcity. Water is also being bailed out from wells for cattle. Fodder for cattle is being imported in certain villages of the Sira and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Six hundred and ten cattle in the Tiptur Taluk and eighty-nine in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have returned from the forests where they had been taken for grazing.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Same as in last week.

Standing crops.—These are reported to be in fair condition in parts of the Chamrajnagar, Nanjangud, T.-Narsipur, Malvalli and Nagamangala Taluks. But sugarcane, Bengal gram and castor in parts of the Mysore Taluk and paddy in parts of the Mandya Taluk are reported to be withering for want of water. Dry crops in parts of the Seringapatam Taluk are reported to have suffered for want of rain.

Crop harvested.—Bengal gram in parts of the Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks.

Estimated outturn of crops.—

In the Seringapatam Taluk—Paddy, yield from 12 to 16 annas in parts, and over 16 annas in the Arakere and Kyathanahalli Hoblis; ragi, yield from 4 to 8 annas and horse gram and cholum, yield 4 annas each.

In the Nanjangud Taluk—Castor, yield 8 annas.

In the Malvalli Taluk—Paddy and ragi, yield 8 annas each.

In the Mandya Taluk—Ragi, avare and horse gram, yield from 2 to 4 annas. Paddy, yield 4 annas in certain parts and from 6 to 12 annas in other parts.

In the Nagamangala Taluk—Bengal gram, yield from 6 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in parts and not good in others. Food stuffs are available all over the district except in the Nagamangala Taluk, "where the stock of which is reported to be not available." Their prices all over the district are still high.

One hundred and fifteen individuals in the Mandya Taluk, 96 in the Krishnarajpete Taluk and 572 in the Nagamangala Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief. It is reported that in the Krishnarajpete Taluk, Rs. 226-4-8 have been paid to 2,037 coolies employed on tank works and also that ragi worth Rs. 180-9-9 has been gratuitously distributed to relieve distress.

11. Except for plague in a few places in the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Seringapatam, Heggaddevankote, Gundlupet, Nanjangud and Krishnarajpete Taluks, "Sappe Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Mandya and Krishnarajpete Taluks and "Foot and mouth" disease in Talur village, Mysore Taluk, are prevailing among cattle. Tanks in parts of the Mandya Taluk are running dry. Temporary wells are being sunk wherever difficulty for water is being felt. Water is available for the present in other places. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Nagamangala Taluk.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing of wet lands in the Manjarabad Taluk.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane below channels in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and sugar-cane in the Belur and Channarayapatna Taluks is reported to be in fair condition; as also kadale sown in beds of tanks in the Arsikere Taluk; whereas kadale in parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk is reported to be withering for want of moisture. Sugar-cane in the Hassan Taluk and paddy in the Channarayapatna Taluk are reported to be withering for want of rain.

Crops harvested.—Kadale in the Hole-Narsipur, Channarayapatna and Belur Taluks and sugar-cane in the Alur Sub-Taluk and the Belur and Channarayapatna Taluks.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in parts of the Dodkadnur and Kasba Hoblis of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and in parts of the Madihalli and Halebid Hoblis of the Belur Taluk, where prospects are not encouraging.

11. Except for cholera in parts of the Manjarabad and Arkalgud Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally are not in good condition. "Dod Roga" is prevailing in parts of the Hole-Narsipur, Arkalgud, Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk, many cattle have been inoculated. Fodder is generally available. Report is the same as in last week as regards the supply of water and fodder. Paddy straw is also being brought to the Channarayapatna Taluk from the Seringapatam Taluk.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing operations are in progress in the malnad taluks.

Standing crops.—Bengal gram, white jolam and cotton in the maidan taluks and sugar-cane in the other parts are in moderately good condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane is being planted in portions of the Shimoga, Honnali, Shikarpur and Sorab Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Bengal gram, white jolam and cotton in some parts of the Channagiri Taluk; cotton in the Honnali Taluk; and Bengal gram in the Sorab Taluk. Sugar-cane is being milled throughout the district.

10. Prospects of the season "uncertain." People are anxiously looking forward for rain throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be high. There is as yet little demand for labour on relief works even in the affected villages.

11. Public health generally good. But plague has broken out in the villages of Kohalli and Kesavinakatte in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

12. Murrain (Dod Roga) is prevalent in some villages of the Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks. Water and fodder are available for the present.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in Chikmagalur, Kadur and Sringeri and transplanting of sugar-cane in Yedahalli are going on.

Standing crops.—Condition of these is unsatisfactory for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Chikmagalur—Bengal gram, castor and sugar-cane, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Coriander and fenugreek „ 2 to 4 „

In Kadur—Wheat and jola, yield 4 annas.
Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

In Tarikere—Kusumbe, jola and cotton, yield 12 annas.
Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

In Koppa—Sugar-cane, not given.

In Yedahalli—Areca, yield from 8 to 10 annas.
Sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Reports from the taluks as regards the prospects of the season are the same as in the last week. The poorer classes find labour in the fields and the ordinary public works in progress throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are still high.

11. Except for plague in certain villages of the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks, and cholera in the town of Sringeri and its neighbourhood, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. But "Foot and Mouth" disease is prevailing in a mild form in certain villages of the Chikmagalur, Kadur, Tarikere and Koppa Taluks. Water and fodder are available in the malnad, but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan portions of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Except those under *kapile* wells and channels which are in fairly good condition, the rest are reported to be withering for want of rain.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested and their yield.—Bengal gram and bile jola in the Holalkere and Hosdurga Taluks, yield from 4 to 8 annas. Horse gram in the Challakere Taluk, yield 2 annas. Cotton in the Holalkere Taluk, yield from 4 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available. To relieve the distress of the poor and needy, many works have been started in the affected parts of the district, *viz.*, 8 in the Chitaldrug Taluk, 6 in the Challakere Taluk, 8 in the Hiriyur Taluk, 4 in the Davangere Taluk, 19 in the Hosdurga Taluk and 3 in the Harihar Sub-Taluk. There is much demand for takavi loans and gratuitous relief in grains among the poor and helpless raiyats in the affected parts of the taluks of Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga and the Harihar Sub-Taluk.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Holalkere, Davangere and Hosdurga Taluks. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks. Fodder being insufficient, it is got at high prices at some places. Those who cannot afford to pay these high prices, take their cattle to forests to graze there. In some places, date leaves also are being used as fodder. Water is made available wherever it is found necessary, by deepening existing wells and sinking new ones.

BANGALORE,
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